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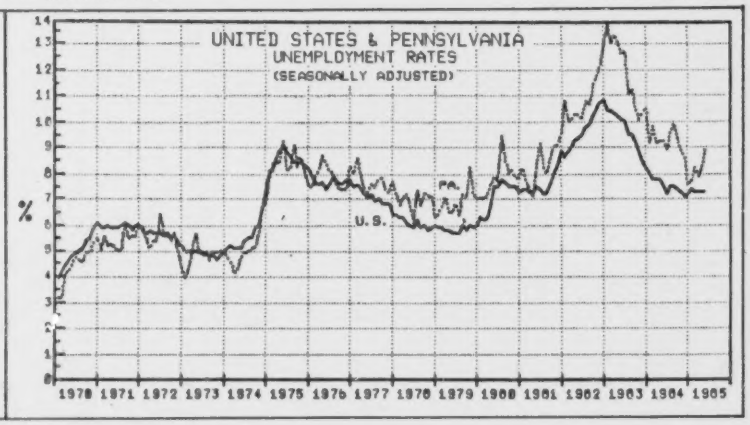
TOTAL CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE
EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT IN PENNSYLVANIA
All Persons (In Thousands)

RESIDENT DATA*	MAY 1985	APRIL 1985	MAY 1984
UNADJUSTED DATA			
Civilian Labor Force	5,560.0	5,575.0	5,489.0
Employment	5,068.0	5,114.0	4,985.0
Unemployment	492.0	461.0	504.0
% Civilian Labor Force	8.8	8.3	9.2
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA			
Civilian Labor Force	5,500.0	5,448.0	5,430.0
Employment	5,040.0	5,000.0	4,956.0
Unemployment	460.0	447.0	473.0
% Civilian Labor Force	8.4	8.2	8.7



MAY EMPLOYMENT EXPANDS 84,000 OVER MAY 1984
UNEMPLOYMENT DROPS 13,000 DURING SAME PERIOD

In May, Pennsylvania's total employment, not seasonally adjusted, increased for the third consecutive month, up 40,000 since April and 84,000 over May 1984.

The influx into the Pennsylvania work force of a number of college students seeking permanent or summer jobs increased the state's civilian labor force by 52,000 persons. Consequently, seasonally adjusted employment declined to 5,068,000 in May, 46,000 less than April's total, but still 83,000 greater than the 4,985,000 working one year ago.

The unadjusted unemployment rate was 8.4 percent in May, 0.3 percent less than the May 1984 figure of 8.7 percent. The 460,000 May jobless figure represents a decrease of 13,000 since one year ago, despite a rise in unemployment of 13,000 over April.

After seasonal adjustments, the May unemployment figure was 492,000, which was an increase of 31,000 over the April adjusted level and the highest level of joblessness in nine months. The most widely-publicized economic indicator, the seasonally-adjusted unemployment rate, rose in May to 8.8 percent, up .5 percent from April's 8.3 rate.

May 1985's totals were the highest employment and the lowest unemployment for that month since May 1981.

In May, United States seasonally adjusted unemployment rate remained at 7.3 percent for the fourth consecutive month. Total adjusted unemployment, which equaled 8,413,000 in May, was 13,000 less than April and 147,000 less than one year ago. The number of workers on part-time schedules (less than 30 hours a week) for economic reasons -often referred to as the partially unemployed - rose by 250,000 to 5.9 million in May. This is the highest level in more than a year. Civilian employment nationwide increased by 15,000 to reach 106,960,000 in May with 1,798,000 more persons employed than were working in May 1984.

MAY NONFARM EMPLOYMENT RISES 40,000 SINCE APRIL
NONMANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES HITS RECORD HIGH 3,639,700 JOBS

Pennsylvania's nonagricultural wage and salary employment increased in May for the fourth consecutive month. The total of 4,732,300 jobs reported in the establishment survey reveals an overall increase of 40,000 over April. The May job growth was concentrated in the service and miscellaneous sector, which has accounted for three fourths of the 70,100 over-the-year increase in employment.

NONMANUFACTURING - Employment in the state's nonmanufacturing industries reached an all time high in May of 3,639,700 jobs. This pinnacle was achieved because of substantial over-the-month employment increases in retail trade and contract construction (13,400 and 12,100, respectively). Services industries contributed 8,100 additional jobs since April and 52,600 from one year ago. Elsewhere in the nonmanufacturing industries, moderate job growth continued in wholesale trade and finance, insurance, and real estate.

MANUFACTURING - In contrast, manufacturing employment remained on the wane in Pennsylvania during 1985. The May total, at 1,089,000, was 39,400 lower than in May 1984. Over the month, declines continued in the primary metals and apparel and related mill products, down 500 and 1,500, respectively. Employment in electrical and electronic equipment also edged downward in May, after showing renewed strength in 1984.

WEEKLY HOURS AND EARNINGS REBOUND

After slight declines in April, average weekly hours and weekly earnings of factory workers once again were on the rise in May. Hourly earnings remained stable at $9.56, the same level as the April revised figure. However, since the average factory workweek lengthened 0.3 of an hour to an average of 39.7 hours, weekly earnings rose by $2.87 to average $379.53 in May. Compared with a year earlier, hourly earnings were up 31 cents, and weekly earnings increased by $7.68.

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In cooperation with the United States Department of Labor

MANUFACTURING AND SELECTED NONMANUFACTURING INDUSTRY DETAIL

(Employment in Thousands)

ESTABLISHMENT DATA #	ALL EMPLOYEES					PRODUCTION WORKER AVERAGES HOURS AND EARNINGS								
				NET CHANGE		GROSS WEEKLY EARNINGS			WEEKLY HOURS			HOURLY EARNINGS		
	MAY 1985 1/	APRIL 1985	MAY 1984	APRIL 1985	MAY 1984	MAY 1985 1/	APRIL 1985	MAY 1984	MAY 1985 1/	APRIL 1985	MAY 1984	MAY 1985 1/	APRIL 1985	MAY 1984
TOTAL NONAG. WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT	4,732.4	4,691.9	4,662.2	40.4	70.1									
TOTAL MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES	1,089.0	1,090.9	1,128.4	-1.9	-39.4	$379.53	$376.66	$371.85	39.7	39.4	40.2	$9.56	$9.56	$9.25
TOTAL DURABLE GOODS	627.5	628.5	652.0	-1.0	-24.5	423.69	420.39	424.74	40.7	40.5	41.6	10.41	10.38	10.21
Lumber & wood products	23.6	22.8	22.5	0.8	1.1	305.02	289.69	307.16	40.4	39.2	40.9	7.55	7.39	7.51
Furniture & fixtures	20.4	20.6	20.3	-0.2	0.1	316.22	312.80	311.95	38.8	39.1	40.2	8.15	8.00	7.76
Stone, clay & glass products	48.5	48.6	49.0	-0.1	-0.5	420.09	418.58	401.02	41.8	41.9	41.3	10.05	9.99	9.71
Primary metal industries	108.2	108.7	123.7	-0.5	-15.5	497.76	491.24	498.49	40.6	40.2	41.3	12.26	12.22	12.07
Fabricated metal products	89.2	89.1	90.3	0.1	-1.1	410.47	410.27	406.58	40.6	40.5	41.7	10.11	10.13	9.75
Machinery, exc. electrical	114.0	114.5	113.9	-0.5	0.1	427.99	427.58	437.84	40.8	40.8	42.1	10.49	10.48	10.40
Electric & electronic equipment	103.3	103.9	108.1	-0.6	-4.8	391.53	391.82	385.40	40.7	40.9	41.8	9.62	9.58	9.22
Transportation equipment	62.8	62.9	65.4	-0.1	-2.6	499.09	496.29	492.90	41.8	41.6	42.2	11.94	11.93	11.68
Instruments & related products	36.7	36/8	37.3	-0.1	-0.6	381.23	371.73	380.38	40.6	39.8	41.8	9.39	9.34	9.10
Miscellaneous manufacturing industries	20.8	20.6	21.5	0.2	-0.7	333.98	319.42	339.10	37.4	36.8	39.8	8.93	8.68	8.52
TOTAL NONDURABLE GOODS	461.5	462.4	476.4	-0.9	-14.9	320.57	319.20	301.82	38.3	38.0	38.4	8.37	8.40	7.86
Food & kindred products	88.9	88.2	88.7	0.7	0.2	379.73	367.23	349.87	40.7	39.7	39.4	9.33	9.25	8.88
Tobacco manufacturers	2.2	2.2	2.3	0.0	-0.1	233.63	228.14	223.65	39.2	39.2	39.1	5.96	5.82	5.72
Textile mill products	31.5	31.6	34.2	-0.1	-2.7	245.86	244.69	240.91	38.0	37.3	38.3	6.47	6.56	6.29
Apparel & other textile products	103.9	105.4	116.3	-1.5	-12.4	194.64	193.71	189.38	33.5	33.0	34.0	5.81	5.87	5.57
Paper & allied products	41.1	41.2	40.9	-0.1	0.2	391.35	402.14	376.61	41.9	42.6	42.7	9.34	9.44	8.82
Printing & publishing	73.6	74.0	72.1	-0.4	1.5	396.24	402.67	382.54	39.0	39.4	39.6	10.16	10.22	9.66
Chemicals & allied products	59.8	59.5	59.2	0.3	0.6	464.62	450.02	456.25	42.2	41.4	42.6	11.01	10.87	10.71
Petroleum & coal products	12.9	12.6	12.2	0.3	0.7	526.24	552.95	535.78	41.6	42.6	43.0	12.65	12.98	12.46
Rubber & misc. plastics products	36.3	36.5	37.4	-0.2	-1.1	346.80	348.43	332.42	40.8	40.8	41.5	8.50	8.54	8.01
Leather & leather products	11.3	11.2	13.1	0.1	-1.8	207.32	204.06	195.29	36.5	35.8	36.3	5.68	5.70	5.38
TOTAL NONMANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES	3,639.7	3,598.1	3,529.8	41.6	109.9									
Mining	38.3	38.3	39.5	0.0	-1.5									
Contract Construction	193.8	181.7	174.5	12.1	19.3									
Transportation	144.3	143.2	141.5	1.1	2.8									
Public Utilities	104.2	103.9	105.6	0.3	-1.4									
Communications	52.0	52.0	54.3	0.0	-2.3									
Electric, gas and sanitary service	52.2	51.9	51.3	0.3	0.9									
Wholesale trade	257.6	255.8	248.6	1.8	9.0									
Retail trade	795.9	782.5	776.7	13.4	19.2									
General merchandise stores	119.7	119.9	117.1	-0.2	2.6									
Finance, insurance & real estate	261.6	258.6	252.7	3.0	8.9									
Banking	84.9	83.8	82.1	1.1	2.8									
Insurance	74.2	74.1	72.6	0.1	1.6									
Services	1,161.5	1,153.4	1,108.9	8.1	52.6									
Business services	185.3	182.0	164.0	3.3	21.3									
Health services	384.1	382.4	374.1	1.7	10.0									
Social services	70.2	69.6	65.5	0.6	4.7									
Educational service	134.2	143.5	130.8	-9.3	3.4									
Government	682.5	680.7	681.8	1.8	0.7									
Federal	135.2	133.8	134.3	1.4	0.9									
State	148.2	152.2	148.9	-4.0	-0.7									
Local	399.1	394.7	398.6	4.6	0.5									
Persons in labor-management disputes	3.6	2.9	4.0	0.7	-0.4									

FOOTNOTES.

*Resident Data are workers by place of residence. They include wage and salary workers, self-employed and unpaid family workers and persons involved in labor management disputes.

#Establishment Data are estimates of jobs by place of work. Persons involved in labor management disputes are not included.

Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment, and resident data are benchmarked to first quarter 1984.

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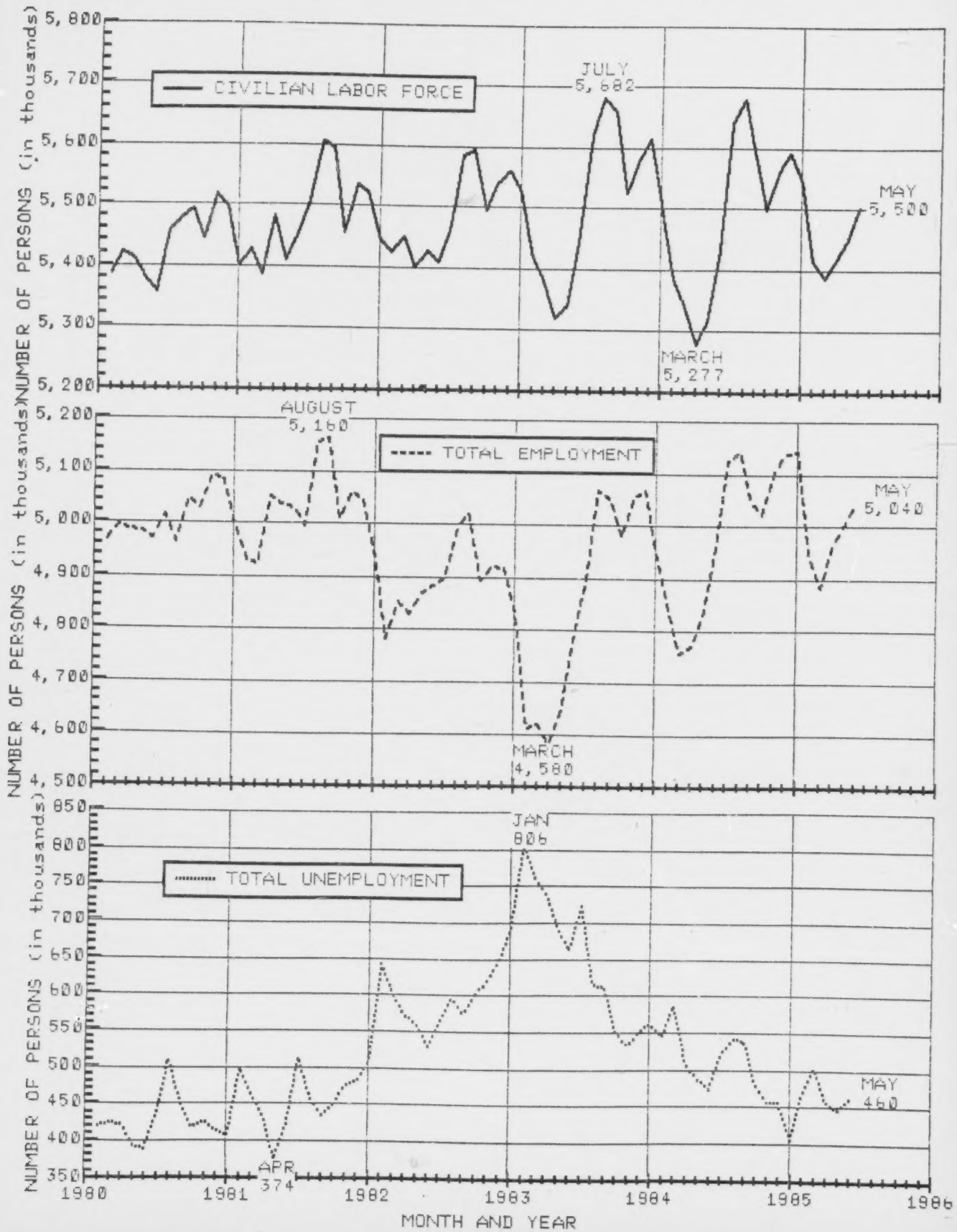

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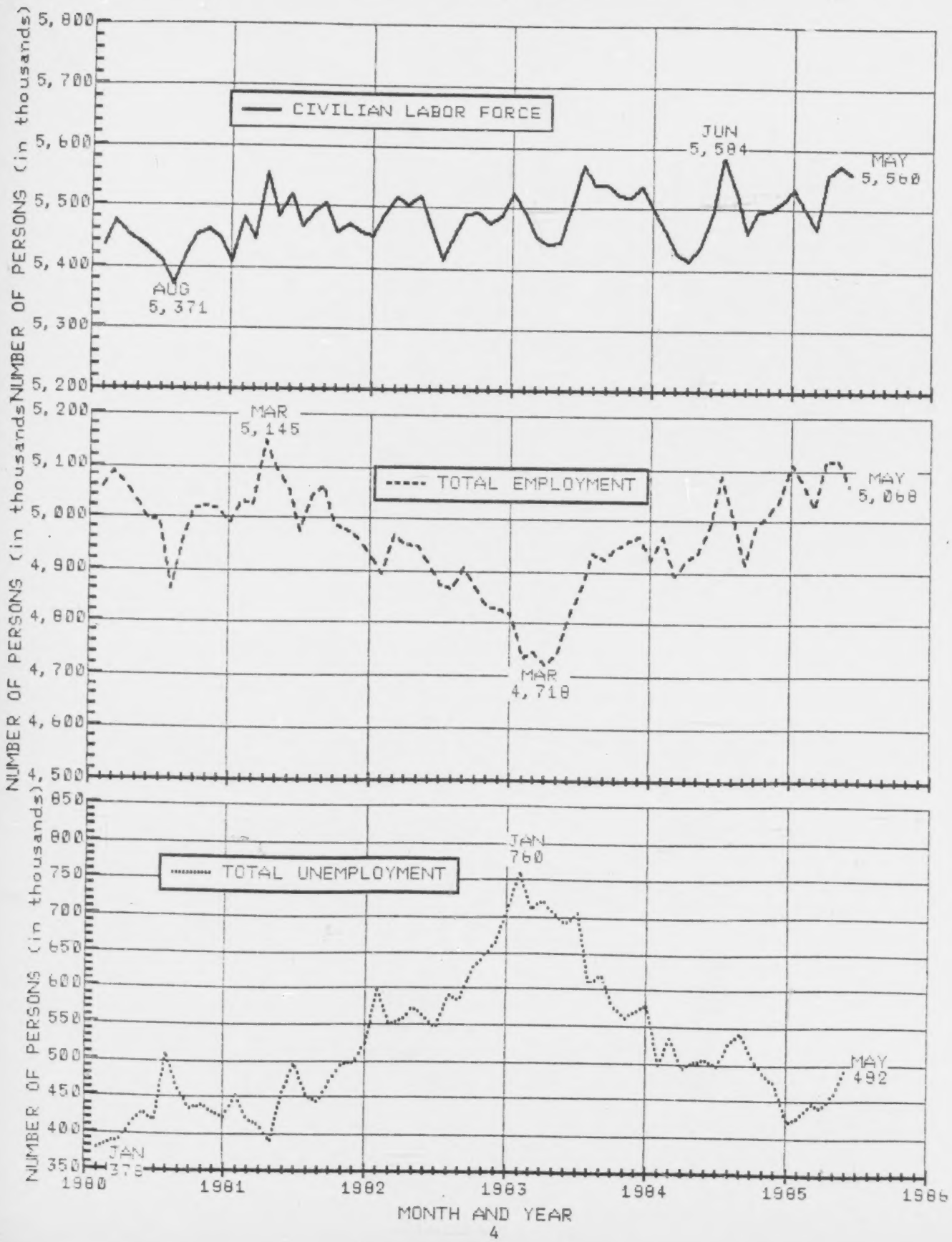

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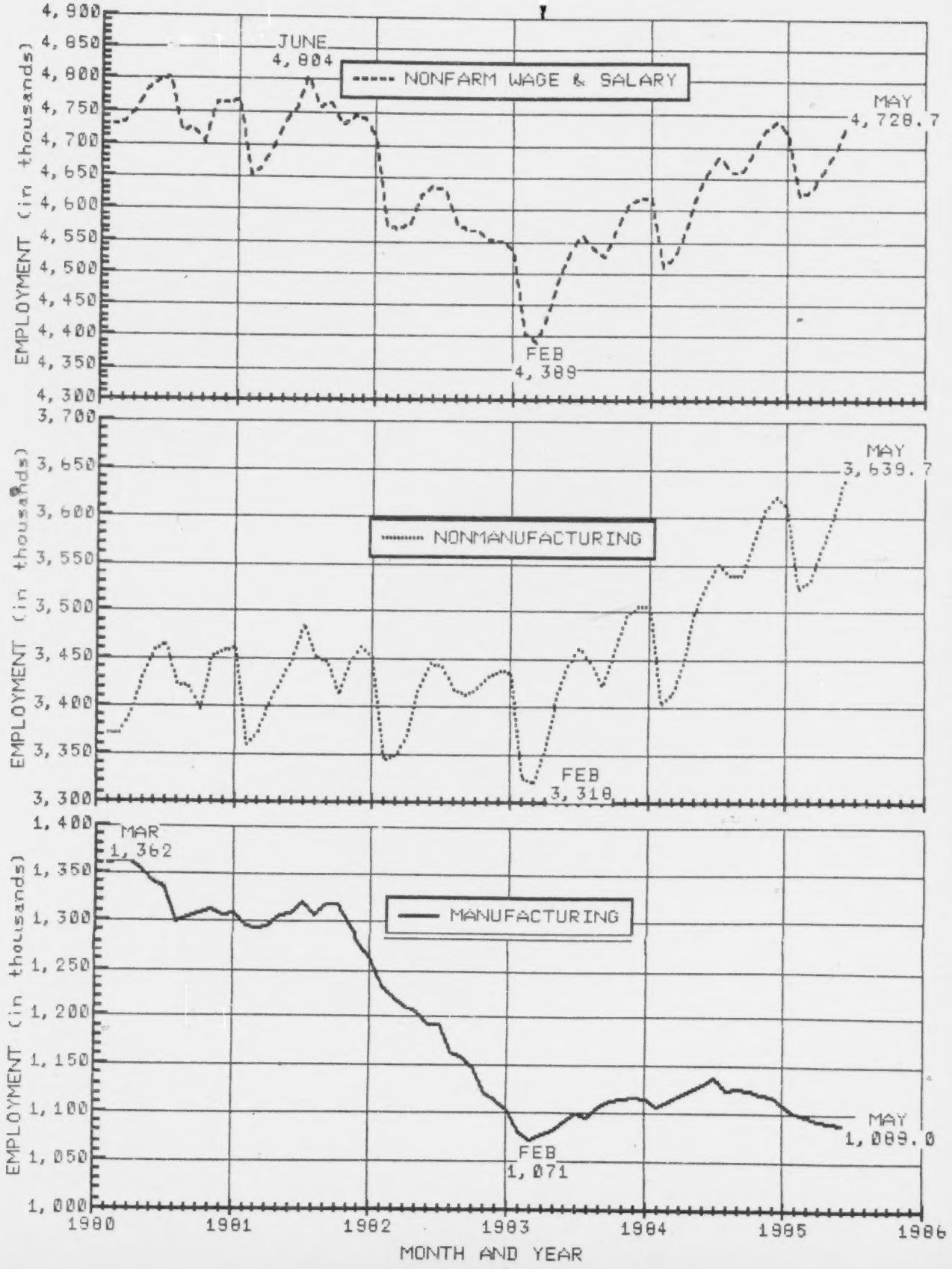

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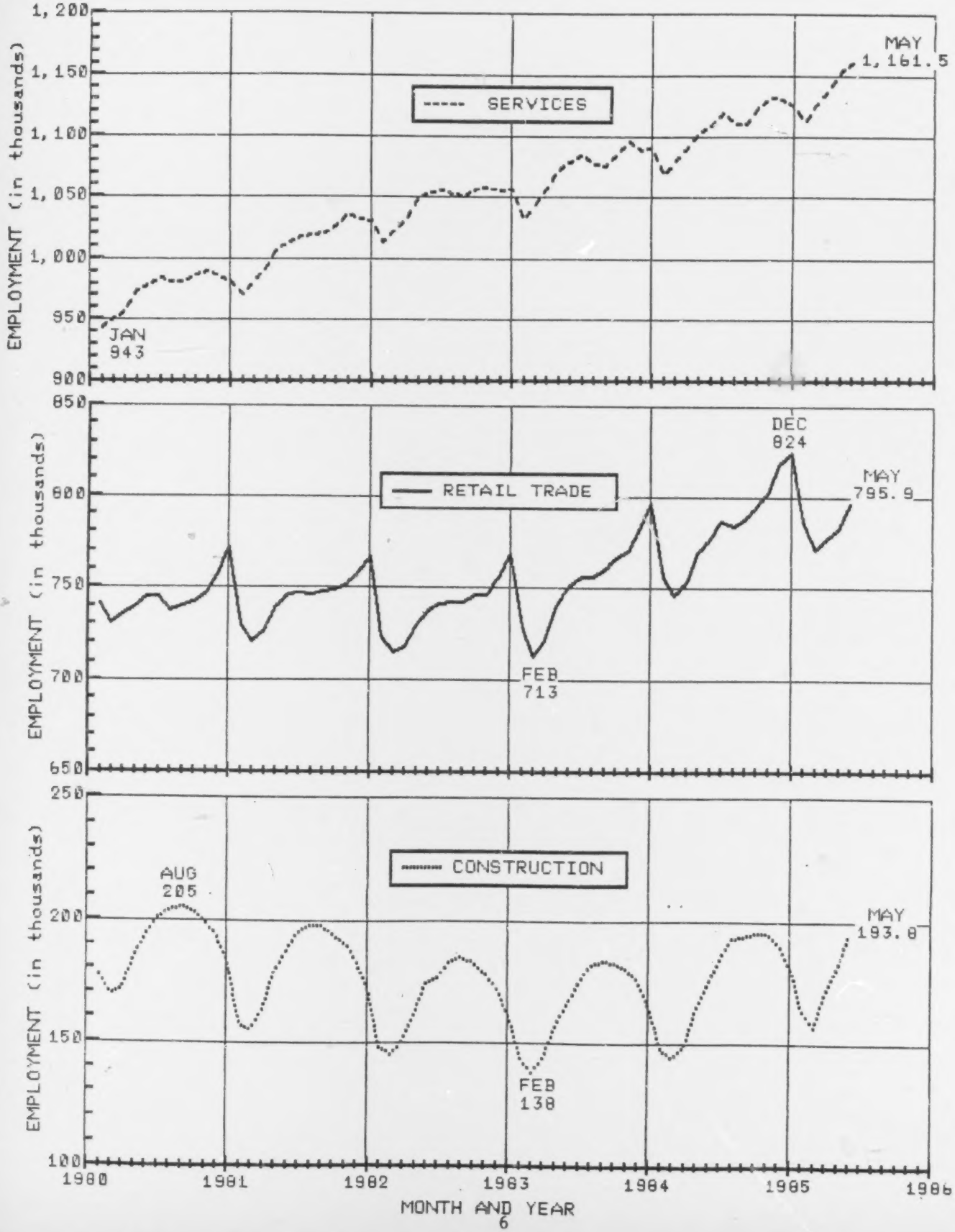

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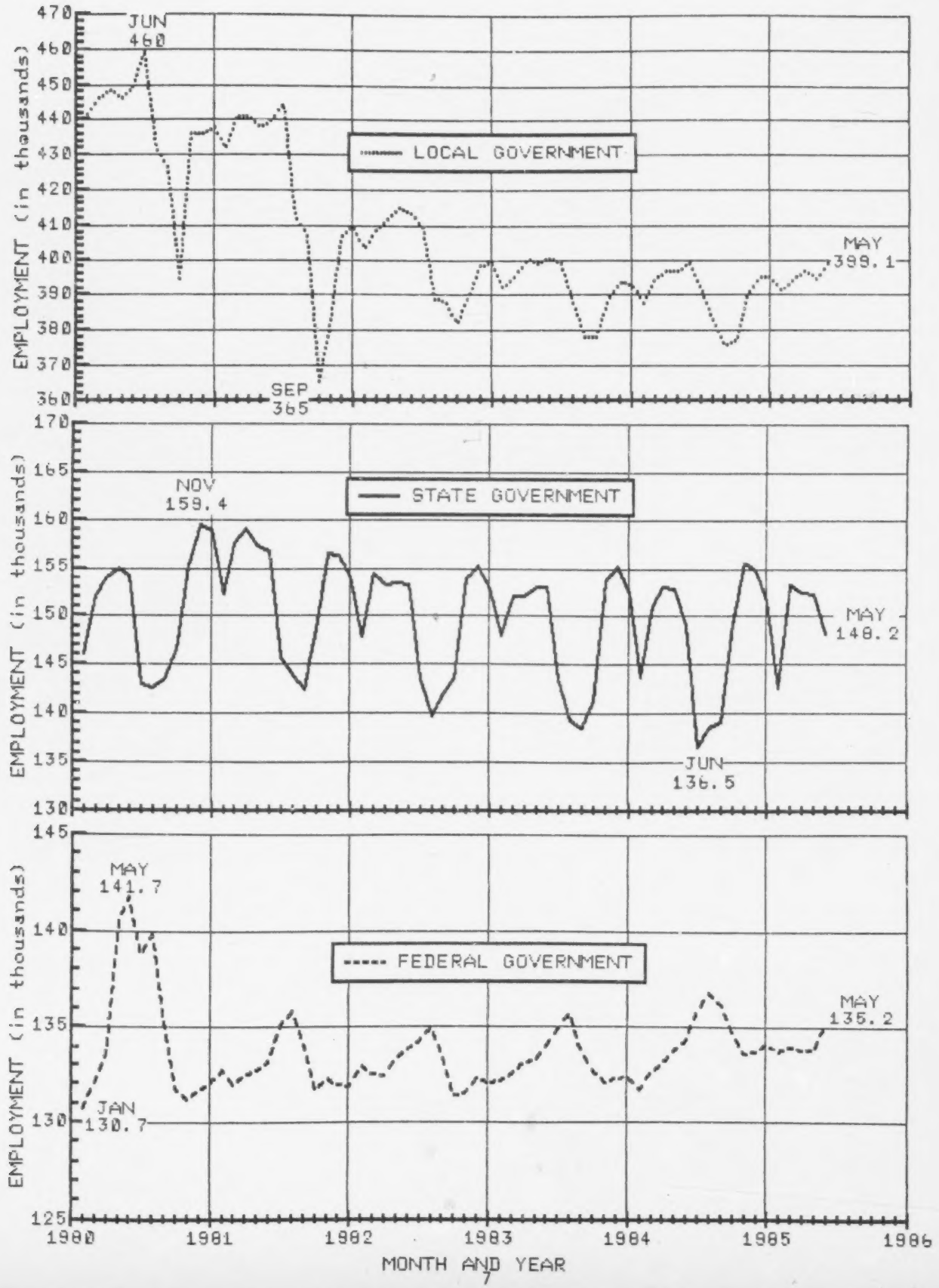

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